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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Docket No. DHS-2019-0002**

Science and Technology Collection of Qualitative Feedback

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection; New request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** S&T will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and accepted until **[INSERT DATE 30-DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer, via electronic mail to [dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DHS/S&T/OCIO Program Manager: Mary Cantey, [Mary.K.Cantey@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Mary.K.Cantey@hq.dhs.gov) or 202-254-5367 (Not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the S&T's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative

feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between S&T and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of S&T's program management. Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results. DHS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. §3501 *et seq.*, provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on

proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. DHS is soliciting comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) that is described below. DHS is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology? Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Science and Technology Collection of Qualitative Feedback

Type of Review: New

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Collection: One per Request

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes or under

Number of Respondents: 215,100

Total Burden Hours: 34,732

**Dated: February 14, 2019.**

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